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DEPARTMENT PASS USINT CAIRO AND BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, SA, XF

SUBJECT:: SAUDI WARNING TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

SUMMARY: SAUDI DEPFORNMIN HAS CALLED IN AMBASSADORS FROM
EEC TO WARN THEM THAT UNLESS THEY PLACE EFFECTIVE PRESSURE
ON US TO CHANGE ITS POLICY TOWARD PRESENT CONFLICT,
KING MAY RPT MAY HAVE TO DECREASE OIL PRODUCTION. SAG
POINTED OUT EEC STATES WOULD BE FIRST TO BE AFFECTED.
UK EMBASSY SOURCE FEELS WARNING MADE IN CONTEXT THAT
SAG RELUCTANT TO TAKE SUCH DRASTIC STEP. END SUMMARY.
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1. UK EMBASSY COUNSELOR HAS INFORMED US THAT ALL AMBASSA-
DORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF EEC WERE CALLED IN AT 1300
LOCAL TIME TODAY (1000Z) BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
IBRAHIM MAS'UD TO RECEIVE WRITTEN AIDE MEMOIRE FROM SAG.

CONTENTS DEALT WITH POSITION SAG FOUND ITSELF IN AFTER
RE-SUPPLY EFFORT BEGUN BY UNITED STATES HAD BECOME KNOWN.

2. AIDE MEMOIRE, ACCORDING TO COUNSELOR, HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO LONDON (AND PRESUMABLY OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS PER ADDRESSEES OF THIS TEL). MAMOIRE STATED SUCCINCTLY IN ARABIC THAT SAG WAS FACED WITH A NEED TO RESPOND TO THE AMERICAN RE-SUPPLY OF ISRAEL AND WISHED TO WARN THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON MARKET THAT THE KING MAY FIND IT NECESSARY (ACTUAL WORD USED WAS "SAWFA" EXPRESSING INTENTION SLIGHTLY STRONGER THAN MAY) TO REDUCE OR DECREASE THE PRODUCTION OF OIL. IT WAS UP TO EEC STATES TO TRY TO GET US TO CHANGE ITS POLICY IN THE CONFLICT, PARTICULARLY ON SUPPLY OF ARMS AT THIS TIME TO ISRAEL. NOTE STATED THAT EUROPE WOULD BE FIRST TO BE AFFECTED BY ANY REDUCTION.

3. UK AMBASSADOR WAS ONLY MEMBER PRESENT TO RESPOND, SAYING THAT HE HAD TO RESERVE HIS GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THIS INITIATIVE. UK COUNSELOR SAID THAT MEETING HELD IN ATMOSPHERE OF DEEP REGRETS OF SAG IN TAKING THIS STEP IF IT CHOSE TO DO SO AND THAT DECISION WAS NOT YET FINAL AND IRREVOCABLE.

4. WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT MINPET YAMANI AND HIS ABU DHABI COUNTERPART OTAYBI DEPARTED RIYADH FOR KUWAIT MEETING ON OCT 16.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO OR BAGHDAD.

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